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(WGN-AM) - Illinois GOP Congressmen Mark Kirk and Judy Biggert are pushing new legislation to move America away from foreign oil and toward alternative energies. Kirk also took time Monday to blast Illinois state lawmakers for holding up a capital bill.

Kirk says a capital program for the state is crucial as prices at the pump soar to record levels. "The decision to let go on the transit side of \$4.5 billion dollars in federal transportation funds makes no sense. That's why we have to make sure that Illinois leaves no federal dollar left behind.

Kirk says it doesn't matter what the state of play is among legislative leaders, the federal money is too good to let go.

Kirk and Biggert appeared at the Adler Planetarium to unveil the Apollo Energy Independence Act. It would shift money from earmarks and subsidy programs to development of alternative energies, cars and fuels.